Dependence on land for food security

2611. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps for total dependence on land for food security; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government of India has approved a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" (NFSM) to enhance the production of Rice, Wheat and Pulses by 10 million tones, 8 million tones and 2 million tones respectively during the Eleventh Five Year Plan and to make country self sufficient in foodgrain production. The NFSM will have three components *viz.*; NFSM-Rice, NFSM-Wheat and NFSM-Pulses. The NFSM-Rice will be implemented in 133 identified districts of 12 States *viz.*; Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The NFSM-Wheat will be implemented in 138 identified districts of 9 States *viz.*; Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The NFSM-Pulses will be implemented in 168 identified districts of 14 States *viz.*; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

Permission to foreign fishing trawlers

2612. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had permitted foreign fishing trawlers to fish in coastal areas at a depth of 110 ft;

(b) if so, the details with the number of foreign fishing trawlers permitted during the last three years; year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether traditional fishermen have protested and demanded withdrawal of the permission since it is adversely impacting the traditional fishermen's livelihood; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government has not permitted any foreign fishing trawlers to fish within Indian waters during the last three years.

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.